



Get Involved

Rock Island Arsenal



Annual Exercise

Rock Island Arsenal conducted a full scale exercise on August 30th to put our plans in motion. We received over 30 volunteers to help us out and had around 25 different organizations involved in planning and executing the exercise.

Check out this media coverage!

<http://wqad.com/2012/08/30/army-arsenal-drill-simulates-torres>





What can you do NOW to get involved?

- Tenant commands and organizations are encouraged to exercise their plans.
- Exercises don't have to be large scale and lengthy. They can be short and small and exercise only the key actions of your plans.
- Some ideas of exercises you can conduct:
 - Communications plan- how do you get information, and what do you do with it?
 - Severe weather- What is your procedure to respond to severe weather? Where do you go?
 - Hazmat spill- Where do you shelter-in-place? Do you have everything you need? Are your shelter locations identified?

Volunteerism

After our exercise we discussed creating a type of installation Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). We need to know how many people on island would be interested in being part of a volunteer response team to support the installation during an emergency. If you are interested please contact jeremiah.cowgill.civ@mail.mil .

If there are enough people interested we can begin working on it.



Volunteer Organizations and Donating

- There are several established organizations that are always looking for volunteers like, Citizen Corps & American Red Cross. United We Serve also provides a way for you to support preparedness in your community.

If you can't volunteer and still want to help you can also support major disasters by donating cash or goods which may help meet the needs of your community in times of disaster.



Available Training:

- FEMA IS Courses:

- [IS-7 A Citizen's Guide to Disaster Assistance](#) 10 hrs
- [IS-22 Are You Ready? An In-depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness](#) 2 hrs
- [IS-75 Military Resources in Emergency Management](#) 1 hr
- [IS-450 Emergency Preparedness for Families](#) 45 min [Employees](#)
- [IS-907 Active Shooter: What You Can Do](#)
- [IS-909 Community Preparedness: Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone](#) 1 hr

- American Red Cross of the QC ([Training site](#))



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